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LETTER DATED 12 APRIL 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I wish to inform you of fresh Iranian violations of the cease-fire between the two countries during the period from 31 March to 10 April 1992.

1. At 0955 hours on 31 March 1992, persons from the Iranian side set up a 60 millimetre mortar behind the Iranian post at geographical coordinates 904135 inside the area of separation (map of Tahiri) and repaired the mortar position there.

2. At 1800 hours on 6 April 1992, the Iranian side stationed 23 persons at an observation post opposite the Shihabi guard post at geographical coordinates 352459 inside the area of separation, and a part of the force proceeded to reconnoitre the route from their post to the international boundary line (map of Shaykh Sa'd).

3. At 1835 hours on 6 April 1992, a vehicle was seen coming from the Iranian rear. It stopped opposite the Sudur guard post at geographical coordinates 130745, and three persons, including an officer, alighted. At the same time, 10 persons were seen digging inside the area of separation (map of Zurbatiyah).

4. At 1830 hours on 6 April 1992, three persons from the Iranian side were seen setting up a single-phase machine-gun near the Fakkah guard post at geographical coordinates 512502 inside the area of separation (map of Shaykh Sa'd).

5. At 1130 hours on 7 April 1992, seven persons from the Iranian side set up a new post in place of the old one at geographical coordinates 342456 inside the area of separation, (map of Shaykh Sa'd).

6. At 1210 hours on 7 April 1992, seven persons from the Iranian side were seen digging a 6- to 7-metre-long slit trench east of Wadi Harran at geographical coordinates 576408 at the edge of the area separation (map of Mandali).

7. At 1300 hours on 7 April 1992, an excavator with a grader was seen digging a new road opposite the Zayn al-Qaws area at geographical coordinates 538987 at the edge of the area of separation (map of Kani Baz).

8. At 0845 hours on 7 April 1992, nine persons from the Iranian side were seen digging a light machine-gun position below the Iranian observation post opposite the Sumud observation post at geographical coordinates 039929 inside the area of separation (map of Tib).

9. At 0950 hours on 7 April 1992, seven persons from the Iranian side were seen digging a communication trench at geographical coordinates 032927 inside the area of separation (map of Tib).

10. At 1115 hours on 8 April 1992, an Iranian military helicopter was seen circling over Wadi Harran. It then landed in the Jiqqat Aman area, at geographical coordinates 611434, where four Land Cruiser vehicles drove up to it (map of Mandali). (The above-mentioned violation was seen by the international observers during their visit to the central sector on 8 April 1992.)

11. At 1045 hours on 8 April 1992, an Iranian military helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear. It landed in the Naft-e Shah area at geographical coordinates 458642 and at 1050 hours took off and crossed the international boundary line to enter Iraqi territory, flying at an altitude of 20 metres. It then circled and returned to the Naft-e Shah area and landed at geographical coordinates 458642 (map of Khanaquin). (The above-mentioned violation was seen by the international observers during their visit to the central sector on 8 April 1992.)

12. At 1830 hours on 9 April 1992, an Iranian helicopter was seen coming from the Iranian rear. It circled over the area opposite the slope of Zayn al-Qaws at geographical coordinates 5200 and continued to circle for five minutes (map of Kani Baz).

13. At 0700 hours on 10 April 1992, the Iranian side built two new posts of sandbags and corrugated iron opposite Umm al-Rasas and north and south of the Arayid river at geographical coordinates 998727 and 031711 in the area of separation (map of Tib). They then manned each post with four to five persons.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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